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SUBJ: UNEXPECTED DEPARTURE OF PRC AMBASSADOR

REF: (A) LOME 2384, 1973; (B) LOME 745.

1. MUCH TO EVERYONE'S SURPRISE, POSSIBLY INCLUDING HIS OWN, PRC AMBASSADOR WEI PAO-SHAN IS LEAVING TOGO FOR PEKING ON VERY SHORT NOTICE. HE PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO GOT JUST OVER ONE YEAR AGO (APRIL 13, 1973). FONMIN HUNLEDE GAVE HIS TRADITIONAL FAREWELL DINNER FOR AMBASSADOR AND MRS WEI PAO-SHAN LAST NIGHT (MAY 8). IN HIS AFTER-DINNER REMARKS, HUNLEDE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR AMBASSADOR'S FRUITFUL EFFORTS AND REFERRED TO ARRIVAL OF RICE TECHNICIANS TO TAKE OVER PROJECTS BEGUN BY "YOUR BROTHERS IN TAIWAN" AND GIFT OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT (REFTEL (A)), AS WELL AS PLANS AFOOT FOR HELP IN BUILDING SMALL DAMS AND FOR SENDING A MEDICAL TEAM (REFTEL (B)). HE RELATED HOW SURPRISED PRESIDENT EYADEMA WAS WHEN HE TOLD HIM THAT WEI PAO-SHAN HAD RECEIVED TRANSFER ORDERS.

2. COMMENT: THERE IS NO APPARENT REASON WHY GOT SHOULD BE DISSATISFIED IN LEAST WITH WEI PAO-SHAN'S HANDLING OF MISSION, SO HUNLEDE'S REMARKS CAN BE TAKEN AT FACE VALUE. ONLY OBVIOUS
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DRAWBACK TO PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN FACT THAT AMBASSADOR WEI SPEAKS
NO RPT NO FRENCH OR ENGLISH AT ALL. ILL HEALTH OF WIFE MAY ALSO
BE FACTOR IN TRANSFER; MME WEI COLLAPSED AT APRIL 27 PARADE,
AND HUSBAND AND OTHER CHINESE APPEARED QUITE CONCERNED. BY
TIME AMBULANCE ARRIVED, HOWEVER, HE WAS PARTIALLY RECOVERED
AND AMBULANCE WAS SENT AWAY. SHE ATTENDED DINNER LAST NIGHT,
BUT SHOWED LITTLE VIGOR OR INTEREST IN PROCEEDINGS. WOULD BE
INTERESTED IN KNOWING IF OTHER PRC AMBASSADORS ARE BEING CALLED
HOME ON SHORT NOTICE, A LA 1966.
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